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My Dear Mother:

It seems quite awhile since I wrote to you. It is almost bed time now, and I am tired, but I will write a little while. I was at a meeting this afternoon in the first church lecture-room to arrange for collecting money and supplies of clothing and bedding for the Nebraska sufferers. I fear the winter will be over before we do much.

We have been having very cold weather - a steady blow and snow - for several days from the North. It has now moderated. There has been fine coasting and the usual number of accidents. Carrie Graham one of the girls in the Westminster Home broke the bone end of her elbow and will be on her back for several weeks.

Mr. Glennon son had his forhead pretty badly cut. Another boy had his little finger mashed off, &c.

I am glad of the coasting, do you.

We had our Tor. Miss. meeting ben last week. It was a terrible day yet eleven

Came and we had a good meeting. Mrs. York and Mrs. Speer had papers on Africa - The Zulus and the Boers - Mrs. Liehman had one on Southern Nebraska. We are to have our Annual Praise meeting across the street at Mrs Leyenberger's next Friday. Last night Mrs. Fiedler gave a large reception - Elizabeth and I went both there - everybody else seemed to be.

On Wednesday I had a woman to sew - she will be here again Wednesday of this week - just altering some things. Our new bath-room is finished and what a comfort it is. I am working away slowly getting the house in order with the new adjustments. Everything has had to be changed - the bureaus, bookcases - with their contents &c. &c. Now I must go to bed.

Tuesday Morning - Things are afloat for the day and I will chat with you a little while before going down street.

I have got the package from Fred. Janet is getting on beautifully - has an

the lounge in the sitting room Saturday - the eleventh day. This room opens in to her bed room and they carried her out.

Fred says "Janet steadily improves - Margaret does not need to improve"!

Janet has plenty of humor in her when she behaves as my grand-daughter should! Janet says her head is an ideal shape - her nose is satisfactory and her ears do not stick out! These new three things she has acquired. Her Dr. tells her her baby is one of the two best looking new babies he has had, and he manages 100 a year! That is saying much. The best part is she is doing and well, and Janet is having a good recovery. I had letters from Mary yesterday - from Alexandria and Cairo. She had enjoyed the sail through the Mediterranean Sea

The Lea was rough and Ella was a little sick the first day but the other two days the weather and the Lea were charming and she enjoyed both. When the mail from Lavio they were all ready for their little trip of three miles. - had veils, green glasses old shoes and white Umbrellas They were anticipating a good time. The three ladies they met in Florence were with them which greatly increased their pleasure. They were both very well.

I had a letter from Willie this morning also. He is well and working hard - too hard I sometimes fear. Elizabeth is not well - has sore throat trouble - They have all had the same. It began with Harrie - then the children And now Elizabeth - Nothing serious.

The little Elizabeth grows apace & gets prettier all the time.
If Mary is like you, and belongs to you - this baby belongs to to Grandma Gaston. It looks like her longs like her, and has her will and energy. Elizabeth thinks she has much more determination than either of the other two. John is a Gaston, Mary is a Baker, Elizabeth is a Montgomery.

Mr Lou McClellans have moved into their new house on the corner by Judge Johnsons. She sent with me in the basket to Mrs. Tucker & was inquiring very specially for you - said she was so sorry she did not get to see you when you were here last Summer. I must call on her - may this P. M.

We are quite broken up over loosing Mr. and Mrs. Tuck. Mr. Tuck preached such a good sermon last Sabbath. He only preaches for us through this month.

Mr. Dickson preached this Sabbath. He

fore - a good sermon with an Eastern flavor.

Dr. K. and I called on them last week. They are full of praises of Will and Anna - also of my Willie. Mrs Leyenberger often asks for you. She has not been well all winter - took a cold in the fall and her throat is still affected. Mrs Secret is still in the South. The Dr came out of his way yesterday to tell me she was improving.

I hope you are resting well and find the time less wearisome. I think so much about you & wish I could do more for your comfort. I can only pray that the Lord may be both Company & Comfort. I think a sense of loneliness comes to us all as we grow older that we may turn more to the Lord.

Most lovingly Jennie